

# Allies Are Again Taking the Initiative On All Fronts, Secretary Baker Reports

## HARASS Foe NOW MASSING GREAT ARMY ON WEST LINE

Allied troops on the western front are harassing German forces concentrating for the expected grand assault. "Still expectant," the allies are taking the initiative, pending the opening of hostilities on a large scale, Secretary Baker announced today.

Meantime menacing Italian positions have been greatly improved during the last week, he said. Reorganization of the British and French tactical arrangements in the west has placed them in a position to contend with any eventually, Baker says. Their defensive positions "have been greatly strengthened."

**Text of Review.**  
Secretary Baker's weekly review follows:  
"There is little to report in the way of military activity during the last week. On the western front, the allies are maintaining an expectant attitude."  
"While the enemy has been busy concentrating his offensive forces, the British and French have greatly strengthened their defensive positions, reorganized their tactical arrangements, which in many areas were hitherto chiefly of an offensive character, and are now prepared for every eventuality."  
"The recent events in Russia which have removed from the theaters of active operations over 500 miles of front in the east, the invasion of Italy and the consequent shortening of the battle line in this zone by nearly 100 miles, have resulted in greatly increased strategic freedom for the central empires."

Reviewing the minor operations which took place during the period under examination, it is noticeable that ascending initiative and alertness is again displayed by the allies.  
**Active Allied Raiding.**  
"We find the British and French actively raiding the German lines, driving in outposts and patrols."  
"Along the British front the enemy for the first time in many weeks maintained a relatively passive attitude. The British sent out numerous raiding parties."  
"East of Lens, in the shell-hole terrain, the scene of such fierce fighting during the past summer, a sharply conducted operation by the British was brought to a successful conclusion. The British broke in through the German line and captured a number of prisoners."  
"North of St. Quentin and east of

Mercurcourt, the British had brushes with the enemy which resulted favorably.  
"In the neighborhood of Lens, a Canadian detachment launched a raid against the Germans which was crowned with success. This undertaking was carried out with the usual Canadian dash and not only were the Canadians able to penetrate the enemy's positions, but they held them as long as they deemed it expedient, and only retired after inflicting serious damages and taking prisoners."  
"Southeast of Arras, a British outpost, but was speedily driven back. "Artillery activity was noted in the Ypres sector and enemy fire was lively in the area south of the Cambrai salient."

**Air Raids Numerous.**  
"Air raids into hostile territory were numerous, not only in the theater of operations, where German ammunition dumps in the region of Roulers and railheads and cantonments in Flanders proved good targets, but daylight attacks by aircraft in force were carried out against German cities. The raid on Karlsruhe proved particularly effective."  
"In the Italian theater the successes of the preceding week have been enlarged and extended. The Italians launched successfully three separate sections of the line a series of formidable assaults, which resulted in a decided advantage for their forces engaged."  
"The first attack was made east of Cape Sile, in the Piave delta, which brought about a material extension of the Italians of the Italian bridgehead along the lower Piave."  
"The second, the region between the Monte Tamba and the Monte Solarola, was a practical gain of positive value in that it greatly strengthened the Italian dispositions in this area."  
"The third, and by far the most important undertaking, resulted in bringing about a ratification of Italian dispositions in the Monte Aselene sector which rendered secure trench elements heretofore not devoid of serious weakness."

**Plan Successes Removed.**  
"The last achievement must be looked upon as of essential significance in that it has removed the menace of the enemy being able to turn the Italian flank in the region of the Monte Grappa. The only reaction on the part of the enemy took place in the Piave delta, where the Austrians attempted to regain the ground lost east of Cape Sile. The enemy was driven back without gaining any of his objectives and suffered severe casualties. It would seem that it is now clear that the pressure of the Austrians in this area has been materially lessened."

"Artillery was intermittently active along the entire front and the British batteries rendered good service in the Montello sector."  
"Clear weather favored the tasks of the aviators. Numerous hostile air raids took place, directed against various centers in the Venetian plain close to the fighting area."  
"The enemy was busy bombing undefended Italian towns. Padua and Treviso were attacked in broad daylight, and numerous encounters between Austrian and Italian airmen were recorded."  
"The Italians, in turn, were busy breaking up hostile raiding parties, and harassing centers of military activity."

"In Russia, a deadlock in the peace negotiations of Brest-Litovsk has again been reported. The British forces were active in the Palestine theater. General Allenby has strengthened his defensive positions and extended his lines."  
"Frequent patrol encounters are noted. The enemy is cleared out of villages north of Jerusalem and a firmer hold on the Holy City is thus assured."

**CLOSE SCHOOLS 3 WEEKS TO CONSERVE FUEL**  
CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Jan. 21.—Orders have been issued by S. W. Sherrill, State superintendent of schools, that all public schools shall close for a period of three weeks in order to conserve fuel.

**AMUSEMENTS**  
**NATIONAL** Tonight at 8:20  
**RAYMOND HITCHCOCK** in "Hitchy-Koo"  
Leon Errol with Irene Bordoni  
Nights, 8:15 to 10:15. Mat., 5:00 to 7:15.  
Tickets Bought for Tuesday Good for Tonight.

**Next Week**  
**LIGHTNIN'**  
Concert Sunday Eve., 8:15, February 10, 1918

**Madame Marie Rappold**  
American Prima Donna of the Metropolitan Opera Company, N. Y.  
Assisted by Irma Seydel, Violist  
Prices—Boxes, \$25; Orchestra, \$2.00; \$1.50; Balcony, \$1.00; \$0.50; Gallery, 50c.  
Tickets on Sale at Knebe Warehouse, 1222 G St. N. W. Near 13th St. Under Direction of Arthur Green.

**FRIDAY LUCY GATES**  
America's Leading Soprano  
and  
**Arthur Hackett**  
The Tenor  
Sixth Concert TEN STAR SERIES  
Tickets, \$2, \$1.50, \$1, 75c. Office of T. Arthur Smith, 700 J. St. N. W.

**B. F. KEITH'S**  
OPEN TODAY—3 Shows  
2:15, 5:15 & 8:15—Some hours on Saturday. Closed Sunday. Twice Daily Wed., Thurs., & Sun.  
First Time in Two Years  
**ELSIE JAMES**  
"The Queen of the Stage."  
New Imitations in a New Way.  
BOB MATTHEWS & Co. Banquet and Broadway Successes.  
Next Week—Coasture, Betty Mayhew, Robert Westover, Co. in "The Sea Wolf" (Others).

**LOEW'S COLUMBIA**  
Continues 10:30 to 12:30 P. M.  
Morn., Aft., 10c. 10c. Night, 10c. 25c.  
The TWILIGHT  
**WILLIAM S. HART**  
in "Women of the East"

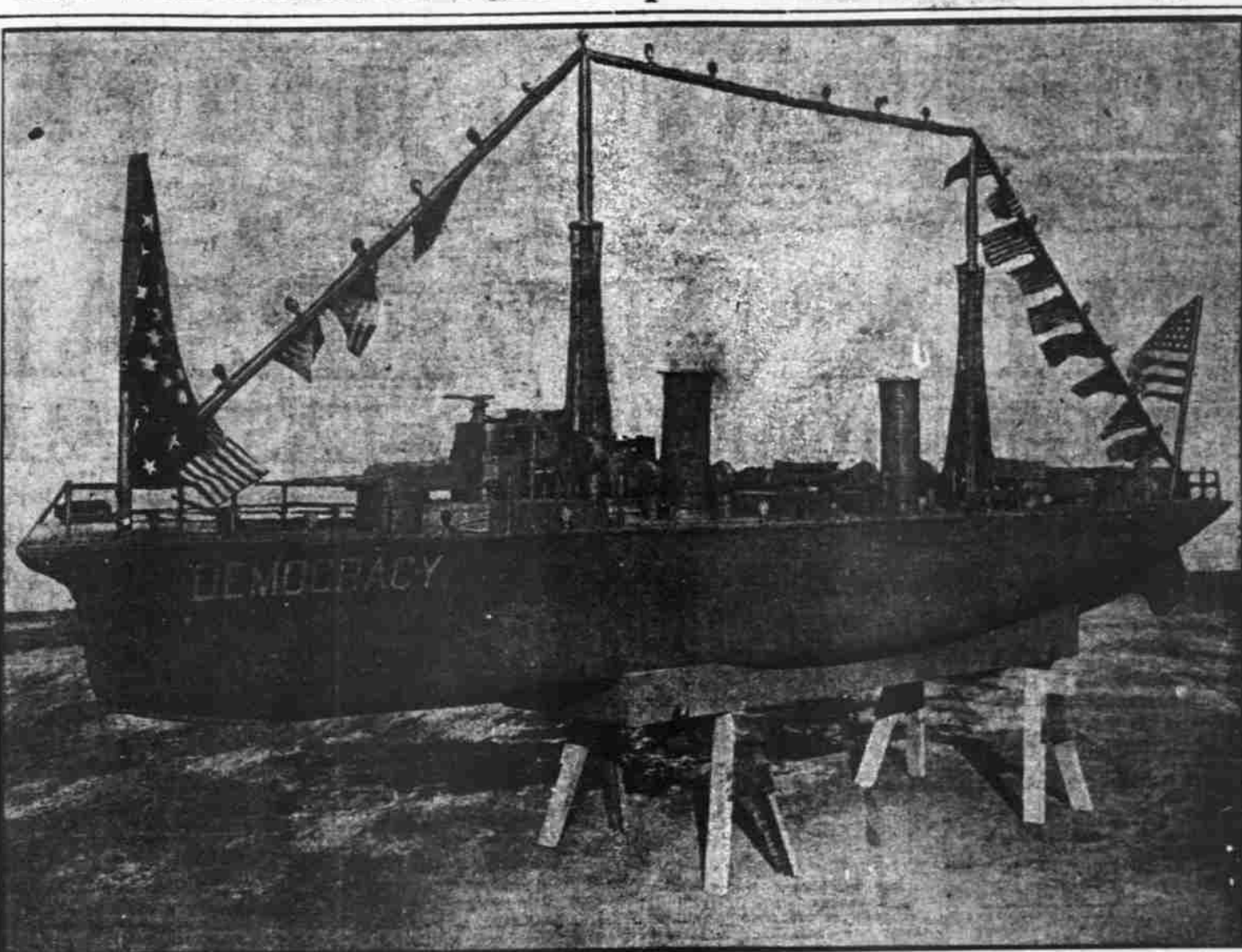
**Belasco** Tonight, 8:20-10:15 to 12:00  
Mat., Today, 2:30 to 5:00  
**Positively this Afternoon at 2:20**  
**TONIGHT at 8:20**  
**CLIFTON CRAWFORD**  
In a New Musical Play  
By Dorothy Donnelly and Augustus Barratt  
With MARY ANN & HARRY CONOR  
NEXT WEEK—SEATS NOW  
"PETER IBBOTSON."

**SYMPHONY SOCIETY OF NEW YORK**  
WALTER DAMROSCH, Conductor  
with  
**HIEFETZ**  
The Seasonal Russian Violinist  
announced for Tuesday is  
POSTPONED TO  
**THURSDAY 4:30**  
O'clock  
Tuesday Tickets Good Thursday  
A Few Seats Left at \$2.50 and \$5.00.  
Office of T. Arthur Smith, 1206 G St.

**STRAND TODAY**  
Mat., 10c. Eve., 10c. 25c.  
Entire Week by Popular Demand,  
**WM. S. HART**  
"THE BARGAIN"  
**GARDEN LAST TIME**  
Mat., 10c. and Eve., 10c.  
Bushman and Bayne in  
"RED, WHITE AND BLUE BLOOD"

**GAYETY** Burlesque  
De Luxe  
Harry Hastings' Big Show  
With Dan Coleman,  
Next Week—The Liberty Girls.

## She Will Christen This Ship At Tabernacle Tonight



## BILLY TO PRAY AT TABERNACLE RALLY OF NAVY WORKERS

"Democracy," the newest seafighter of the United States navy, will be christened tonight at the Billy Sunday tabernacle, when 9,000 employees of the Washington navy yard gather to show their loyalty to America and President Wilson.

The patriotic exercises which are to show the spirit of the war workers will be opened with a prayer by Billy Sunday. Officials of the Government are to be present and a resolution pledging the loyal support of the employees of the navy yard is to be presented to President Wilson.

Two hundred and fifty yeomen, in full uniform, will stand at attention when the presentation is made. As a feature of the evening a full-rigged submarine chaser, the type of vessel that is now sailing on the Atlantic, will be put together on the platform before the eyes of the audience. With its wireless stretched and its powerful engines ready to drive it through the waves, the latest addition to the United States fleet will stand as a monument to the cause of liberty.

Little Miss Mary Janet Earl, daughter of Admiral Ralph Earl, chief of ordnance, U. S. N., will christen the ship "Democracy," using pure water in place of the time-honored champagne.

Mrs. Newton D. Baker, wife of the Secretary of War, will sing a war song, and Secretary of the Navy Daniels is to address the navy yard men. Other Government heads are to speak on patriotic topics. Passage of an old-age retirement law for Government employees will be advocated.

"Music for the occasion is to be furnished by the Marine Band, and the rally will close with the voices of the great throng raised in "America."

**AMUSEMENTS**  
**POLI'S** Tonight, 8:15. Mat., Mon., Thurs., Sat.—2:00, 5:00.  
**POLI MUSICAL PLAYERS**  
50 Singers—Dancers—Comedians.  
Y. Ziegfeld's Famous Production  
**The Soul Kiss**  
With Mlle. LILY LEONORA  
Direct from Manhattan Opera House  
Next Week—The Yankee Prince.

**POSTPONEMENT**  
On account of the coal situation and closing of places of amusement Tuesday, the recital for violin and piano to have been given at the New Willard tomorrow night by Mrs. Helen Corbin Heim and Mr. Alexander Saksafsky, Concert Master of the New York Symphony Orchestra, has been postponed. Another date will be decided upon soon.

**TO HAVE PERFECT SKIN Throughout the Winter**  
These days the face and hands need special care and attention. Strong winds, quick changes of temperature from indoors to outdoors, are severe on the skin. Their desolating effects are best overcome by the application of pure mercurized wax. This keeps skin and pores in a cleanly condition, the complexion beautifully white and spotless. Chaparral, reddened, itchy and roughened cuticle are actually absorbed by it. One ounce of mercurized wax, obtainable at any drug store, is sufficient to completely renovate a weather-beaten complexion. It is used like cold cream, allowed to remain on overnight, and washed off in the morning.

As the skin tends to expand in a warm atmosphere, cheeks and chin to sag and wrinkles to form, a good astringent lotion should be used by the woman who keeps pretty much indoors these days. Dissolve one ounce of powdered exfolite in one-half pint with hazel. Bathe the face in this morning or before going out for theater or social affairs. It is a remarkable skin tightener and wrinkle eraser.



MARY JANET EARL.

## NAVY YARD MEN TO RECEIVE WAR SAVINGS CARDS

War savings postcards carrying subscription blanks for war savings and thrift stamps are to be distributed among the Navy Yard men at their patriotic rally at the Billy Sunday tabernacle tonight.

Postmen will distribute the cards among the audience, the District war savings committee announced today, and one of the department's automobiles will be stationed outside the building with stamps for sale.

Plans for an intensive war savings drive among the insurance men of Washington, will be perfected today at a meeting of the Commercial Club. John Dolph, chairman of the committee on insurance organizations, will preside.

Stamps are now on sale at the National Cathedral School for Girls, the National Cathedral School for Boys, Mrs. Sumner's School and Friends School. It was reported to the committee. Over \$200 in war savings stamps was sold among the students at Friends School during the past week.

Dr. W. A. Warfield, of Freedman's Hospital, held a meeting of his committee Sunday night, when plans were made for war savings work among the colored people during war savings week, February 3 to February 10.

**ADVERTISEMENTS**  
**OPEN NOSTRILS! END A COLD OR CATARRH**  
How To Get Relief When Head and Nose are Stuffed Up.

Count fifty! Your cold in head or catarrh disappears. Your clogged nostrils open, the air passages of your head will clear and you can breathe freely. No more snuffing, sneezing, or inflamed mucous membrane, giving you instant relief. Head colds and catarrh yield like magic. Don't stay stuffed up and miserable. Relief is sure.

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## DAILY NEWSPAPERS WOULD HAVE SAVED CHRIST, SAYS BILLY

How would Christ have fared if there were two or three big daily newspapers in Jerusalem?

Although the text of Billy Sunday's sermon last night was "What Shall I Do With Jesus," from Matthew, the evangelist spoke mainly of the "political situation that resulted in the Crucifixion, and that if there had been two or three big daily newspapers in Jerusalem, Christ would never have been killed."

"Christ would have been the 'story' of the day," said Sunday, "and Pilate would never have consented to his death in the face of the publicity newspapers would have given. Speaking of the death of Christ, and how different things would be today, Sunday said that newspapers would make it impossible for a second rejection of Christ."

**Lauds Reporters.**  
"If anyone can see through fraud, if any class of people have a real appreciation of sincerity and for the realities of life, it is the newspaper reporter," said the evangelist.

"Nineteen hundred years ago a star paused above a lowly manger in Bethlehem, and above the moonlit hills of Judea glad angels heralded the beginning of the life of Jesus Christ upon the earth, who came to teach us love and the atonement of sin through His blood. No matter what He said or did to disprove that He came to fulfill the Messianic prophecy, the Jews and Gentiles stopped their ears and conspired to murder Him and caused Him to be nailed to the cross, although He was blameless in the eyes of the law."

**Had Difficulties.**  
Now, Pilate had many difficulties. If you give up you are a nonentity. Everything the devil does is to keep you out of Heaven. Pilate had many things to encourage him to do the mainly thing with Him, to do the thing which was wrong, and to the end of time his name will reek with iniquity and will be a stench in the nostrils of all who live a fair deal. Every man in hell tonight is there because he hadn't manhood enough to take a stand for Christ."

"Among the things encouraging Pilate to a right decision was the dream of his wife. We don't know much about her. It was no proof of her possession of womanly qualities that God revealed Himself to her in a dream, for he so revealed himself to Pharaoh and Nebuchadnezzar. Yet for all we know she may have been a good woman and a reverent one."

**BILLY'S MUSICAL TRIO, RODDY, BOB, AND GEORGE, AT PRESS CLUB TONIGHT**  
"It looks to me like a big night tonight," sang "Mac," the Press Club waiter, who used to be in Stonewall Jackson's Bible class.

Mac's prognostications probably will prove correct, as the entertainment committee of the Press Club has arranged with Billy Sunday's big musical trio to do a smashing stunt this evening, and to make the entertainment a real, true success.

The club will make a ladies' night of it.

"Don't look for a gloomy evening; a big surprise is waiting for you," is the signal on the post cards received by Press Club members today.

The announcement continues: "Homer Rodeheaver, Billy Sunday's champion trombone artist, formerly bass drum soloist with the Jellie (Tenn.) Silver Cornet Band."

"Bob Matthews, secretary to Rev. W. A. Sunday and pianist, formerly managing editor of the Wapello, Iowa, Weekly Tribune."

"George Ashley Browster, tenor soloist and pianist when Bob is tired, formerly second tenor for the end, Frank Daniels in 'The Office Boy.'"

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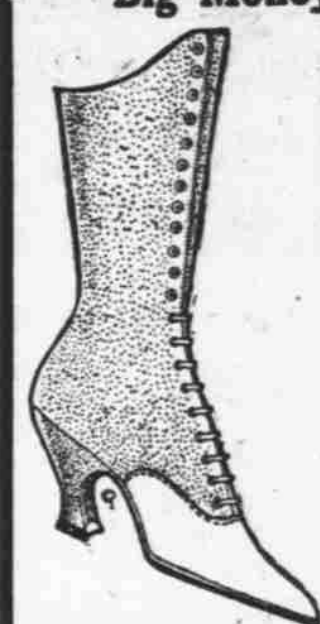
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